

# House Resolution 101 - Introduced

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

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1 A Resolution honoring the Paralympic achievements of  
2 Mr. Josh Turek.

3 WHEREAS, the life and career of Iowa native Josh  
4 Turek, from Council Bluffs, is a testament to the  
5 value of hard work and dedication to achieving success  
6 through teamwork; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Turek pursued his passion to excel in  
8 athletics through perseverance, hard work, discipline,  
9 sacrifice, and dedication to perfecting his craft,  
10 and all the while never forgot a lesson taught to him  
11 by his father early on in his life to put forth one  
12 hundred percent effort in all his endeavors; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Turek represented Team U.S.A. in  
14 wheelchair basketball in four Paralympic Games,  
15 competing in 2004, 2012, 2016, and 2021; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Turek built a reputation as a  
17 world-class shooter and excelled under pressure in  
18 pursuit of winning a Paralympic gold medal; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Turek, driven by his passion and  
20 unwavering desire to achieve his goals, earned a place  
21 on his first Paralympic team in 2004, then won a bronze  
22 medal in 2012 while leading the team in points scored  
23 and rebounds; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Turek and his team earned the first  
25 U.S.A. Paralympic men's wheelchair basketball gold  
26 medal in 28 years at the 2016 Paralympic Games,  
27 displaying a style of wheelchair basketball that marked  
28 the team as the statistically greatest in Paralympic

1 history; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Turek hit clutch free throws to help  
3 seal victories in the medal round games of the 2020  
4 Paralympic Games, played in Tokyo in 2021, finishing  
5 his career and earning his second Paralympic gold  
6 medal; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Turek announced his retirement from  
8 national team wheelchair basketball competitions to  
9 focus his attention on off-the-court goals, having  
10 earned a silver medal in the world championships in  
11 2014, three Pan American Games gold medals in 2011,  
12 2015, and 2019, and three Paralympic medals, a bronze  
13 medal in 2012 and back-to-back gold medals in 2016 and  
14 2021; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Turek has already achieved personal  
16 success in a variety of pursuits, but continues to work  
17 to improve himself, as evidenced by his commitment  
18 to education and his current goal to earn a master's  
19 degree; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Turek has inspired many and shown the  
21 value of hard work, teamwork, and dedication to his  
22 craft; NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
24 That the House of Representatives honors Mr. Josh  
25 Turek, whose effort, dedication, skill, attitude, and  
26 refusal to settle allowed him to achieve Paralympic  
27 gold success, both on and off the court.